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**Guam Environmental Protection Agency
Board of Director's Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.
Main Office Conference Room**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Robert Perron called the Board of Director's meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. The following individuals were present at the board meeting:
Board Members: Robert Perron, Chairman, Terrence Brooks, Vice Chairman, Steve Hollister, Ann Roth and Florida Sanchez. (Steven Carrara, not present).
Guam EPA Staff: Walter S. Leon Guerrero, Administrator; Kristan Finney; Brian Bearden; Conchita SN Taitano; Sabrina Cruz-Sablan; Jesse T. Cruz; Magdalena Castro; Nicolas Rupley Lee; Margaret P. Aguilar; Glenn San Nicolas; and Vilma Balajadia. Guests: Larry Gast, General Manager, GSWA; Arlene Acfalle; and Cyrus Luhr, Representative from Senator Perez's office.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** The Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Hollister. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** The Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Roth. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. Administrator's Report:** The Administrator provided a status of the Board of Directors pending confirmations for the following: *Flori Sanchez's* confirmation packet has been forwarded to the Legislature per legal council at the governor's office (Rec'd on March 12, 2019 by the Legislature); The Administrator stated that "there is also an additional gentleman who is an engineer that they sent down –I just spoke to him today."; and that Bob Perron's packet is still in the works "as well as anybody else, which is Bill Nault, and so if we get that then we'll be close to our ten." The Administrator stressed to the governor's office "all our Notice of Violations (NOVs) can be shot down if we don't have a quorum." The Administrator was adamant to the governor's office stating that every seat on the Guam EPA Board must be filled to prevent any issues that may arise from not having a quorum.

Administrator: We've had two bills (Bill 25-35 and Bill 27-35) that came up this past week that Nic spoke on behalf of me –one was Senator Therese Terlaje's Bill 27-35 relative to the timely publication of all NOVs, Orders of Compliance, Notices of Defense, Voluntary Compliance Agreements, Settlement Agreements, and Referrals to the Office of the Attorney General for Prosecution [publish all aforementioned issued to any agency or persons in violation of any of the acts on our website *no later than* fifteen (15) days from service] by GEPA; and to require that all of the above be reported to the GEPA Board of Directors [at the next scheduled regular board meeting]. (Bill 27-45 passed unanimously on March 21, 2019 by the Legislature). The Administrator stated this measure was about being transparent and that the agency is in full support of the measure. The Agency has decided to start posting on the website the information required in the proposed measure beginning "this calendar year." The Administrator stated that the Agency currently has one (1) NOV that has been processed; and pending an appeal by an unnamed couple and/or the outcome of the appeal, then, "we'll upload the others into our website just like we promised we would." Director Roth: She was asking for more than NOV's wasn't she? She was asking for settlements?

Mr. Lee provided a brief history of how Bill 27-35 became a measure beginning in the 34th Guam Legislature with Bill 372-34. Mr. Lee explained, “There was some concern from one of the senators at the hearing that the senator compared this measure to the police blotter –you see people getting arrested on these charges but the media never really covers what happens to them if they are found innocent or guilty or whatever –so this senator’s concern was that he didn’t want somebody’s name being dragged through the mud because we didn’t report on the finality of the case –so we did two things –we agreed to do that so she’s looking at settlement agreements and voluntary compliance agreements and the disposition of the case but we did mention to the senator that we can’t control what Joe or Jane Cruz will do with that information once they get it from us and we can’t control what the media is going to do with that information as well because the law being what it is –we just have to furnish the information –so this is more of an ease of access.”

Mr. Lee expressed his concerns with the proposed measure (Bill 27-35) and how the Agency would be responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) inquiries. Mr. Lee referred to the current GEPA website. He wanted to discuss website formatting and reporting and its compliance to Bill 27-35. Vice Chairman Brooks requested of Mr. Lee to “prepare for us a sample form that you would like for us to review.” Mr. Lee accepted and committed to presenting to the Board “on the next meeting.” The Administrator stated that he wants GEPA to be “fully engaged in doing this”.

Administrator: “So the other bill is Senator Telo’s bill (Bill 25-35) on used oil low sulfur and that bill, though the intent is good, it’s not really applicable for right now because...if that bill were to come into law we would have tons of used oil and nowhere to go and except for maybe selling it off island which would cost triple or I don’t even know what the economic numbers are?” Chairman Perron asked, “Your talking \$10 a gallon?” The Administrator stated that the proposed measure is “unfeasible”; and while the Agency supported the idea, it did “not” support “the bill itself”. The Administrator “will work with her (Senator Telo) to try to amend it to where it is beneficial for Guam versus quite the contrary to the way it is written now.” The Administrator stated that, “GPA, Us, PUC all had similar stance,” and expressed the need to dispose of “used oil” in an “economically feasible fashion that’s also good for us and the environment.”

The Administrator transitioned to one of his immediate goals: “*to get Guam EPA a building and a permanent home that is ours.*” –The Administrator stated he is working with *Jesse* (Cruz), *Brian* (Bearden), *Conchita* (Taitano), *Nick* (Lee) and *Connie* (Afleje) and all the other division heads to start up our building committee again –to start throwing around ideas.

The Administrator appointed Brian Bearden as the head of the Building Committee. He further stated that he has engaged USDA and GHURA to assist in finding “financial opportunities either through grants or other money” to build the Building. The Administrator proposed to the front office to also “engaged Department of Interior.” The Administrator stated that USEPA “is in total support” and will allow us to “use our budget” but “if we could find additional money that will help us keep our overhead and our operations intact and not have us to skinny down some of the things that we do.” The Administrator is trying to work with *Joe Borja* at Department of Land Management to get the property so that we can move forward. He also stated that “USDA has provided money for other government agencies and I’ve directly engaged with *Joe Diego* who is the head of USDA here and we are going to have some meetings set up...” The Administrator requested any help from those in attendance to find other avenues to assist in achieving our goals. He said, “we are looking for a three (3) to five (5) acre parcel that will house not only enough for the staff but our lab as well as our vehicles which includes our two (2) boats so we do need a lot of space.

The Administrator transitioned to the Agency Budget.

Administrator: “If you look at our financial statement we are in the hole as far as our consolidated grant goes and that’s to be expected –we had budgeted for four (4) months into this fiscal year –which would put us in January and we never got our 2019 budget. Now, U.S. Congress did pass the budget (and) money is slowly coming in from headquarters to the region...we are expecting a Three Million Dollar (\$3M) Grant Award this is year—one (1) of our five (5) year fiscal cycles. So that being said, any money that we *do not expend* this year *does not* go back to the federal government; it rolls over for our five (5) year fiscal cycle, which would put us in a good position. We won’t have to spend all Three Million Dollars (\$3M) off the bat which is a really, really good thing because by the time we get it we might only have like five (5) months to six (6) months to actually spend it...”

“If we were to get the money at the end of this month, we’ll probably be about Six-Hundred Thousand (\$600K) in the hole, but with the Three Million Dollars (\$3M), we could immediately pay that back and then start running in the black like we should be. So technically, we are in the hole; and it’s because we didn’t get our grant award yet. Any Questions?” Chairman Perron: “The General Fund is advancing the money?” Administrator: “We are actually borrowing from our special accounts and our other federal and local accounts at this point so we have not had to borrow from the General Fund and it doesn’t look like we will need to...any other questions on the budget?” Director Hollister: “If we don’t use the left over money, will it go against us?” Administrator: “No.” Director Hollister: “In the future?” Administrator: “No, because we are in a five (5) year fiscal cycle. We can roll it each year you know no pause –we can use it –it’s at the end of the 5th year fiscal cycle that if we don’t use it (then) there’s the likelihood that we have to give it back its theirs and then that’s where we would get punished more for. I know what your asking if they allocated it for the year and if we didn’t use it –they kind of understand the situation and again for this fiscal cycle we are in March...we have not received our grant award, so if they expect us to spend the Three Million dollars (\$3M) in six (6) months so that we don’t get punished –its kind of a – they have enough understanding to know that’s not something that they would go after us on and *Carl* (Goldstein) would fight for us on that.”

The Administrator stated that he has met with three (3) senators separately including the Speaker. The Administrator invited the Board members to attend meetings with the senators and offered the schedule. Chairman Perron asked if the Speaker talked about the bottle bill and the Administrator stated that she briefly did but he bottle bill discussion is “going to be our next meeting.” Director Roth requested the Administrator send out the schedule of meetings with senators to the Board of Directors.

The Administrator transitioned to discussions on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) having ten (10) GEPA members at a NOAA sponsored Science Oil Spills and Scat Training. Jesse Cruz: Mr. Cruz stated that the training, which is a first in the past twelve (12) years, is going really well with participants from the Coast Guard, GEPA, Port Authority of Guam, Bureau of Statistics and Planning.

V. Old Business:

- *Navy NOV – Notice to Appeal*

Kristan Finney: “That one actually –I’ve been in touch with their legal counsel we are still working some stuff out but we have been in touch and so we should have something.”

- *Nova Group, Inc. – Settlement Agreement Status.*

Chairman: “The settlement has that been fully accomplished?” Ms. Finney: “yeah, except for the SEP portion – that’s still pending –They are either going to have to propose something pretty soon here or that will convert to cash.” Chairman: “They’ve already paid the cash portion though?” (Administrator and Ms. Finney both replied, “Yes.”) Administrator: “So we got the checks, for what is it? Mrs. Conchita Taitano: “\$90,000?... Yes, \$70,000 and \$10,000...\$80,000.” Administrator: “\$70,000 going to Hazardous Waste and \$10,000 going to Solid Waste; and then the SEP would be just something related to Solid and Hazardous Waste...otherwise, like Kristan said, it would get converted and we’ll split it up between the Hazardous and Solid Waste Program.”

- *Safe Drinking Water NOV/ Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA).*

Administrator: “We rectified most of the issues on that NOV as being –things that administratively we’ve met with them myself and *Brian* (Bearden - Chief Engineer) and part of his team met with *Miguel Bordallo*, GWA General Manager, *Mr. Paul Kemp*, Asst. General Manager and other members of their team and made it quite clear that this is very simple administrative guidelines that they need to meet and follow; and if they do, than there is no penalty, no issues about it –they need to provide us some SOP’s. Brian Bearden: “They need an SOP that they need to turn into us so they can formalize the process they take when they suspect that it’s a dirty faucet at a house. Because that’s what it turned out to be –a dirty faucet. They just need to set this up. We’ve talked to them about this before an SOP for how they handle those situations in the future; so, that they don’t have a violation which they had this time by failing to take a required number of samples.” Administrator: “Not wanting to detract from GWA and their ultimate mission, because it’s their distribution line that this sampling is for. Some of the issues that have come living in an island: you’ve got bugs, and bugs like to find little damp holes, and so some of the faucet’s sample locations –mud daubers crawl in there (and) build their home like any other holed concrete wall hole or anything and those would give false positive for the system because you’ll have mud coming out.

So, we're trying to get GWA to come up with the SOP that this isn't a red flag for them in the future for their distribution." Brian Bearden: "and also making sure that we are not missing a real violations—we take these very serious—in this case it was just a contaminated faucet or sampling." Chairman Perron: "*Ann (Roth)* did you have any questions? I know you had some concerns about the NOV's and where they were standing." Director Roth: "Until they're settled, I'd say keep them on there—that's all I'm saying until we know that they are actually settled then it has to be addressed."

- *RRF Rules and Regulations Draft – Update*

Sabrina Sablan: "Yesterday I sent you (the Board) a copy of the final draft—well our version of the final draft—I just wanted to see if you had any questions on that—we did have the public hearing in December 2018 and this is the first board meeting that we've had since then—during the public hearing we only had one person that came as the public which was our Board Chairman who came in as the Recycler and he did have one question during the public hearing and that was about the stimulus portion of how we arrived at the figure for the shipping cost and I did talk to the contractor and it is addressed in the rules as we mentioned during the public hearing they were using the world freight rates and so there is an option and that goes in and gives you the local port and then the destinations—the Asian destinations and that's how they arrived at that figure—so that was basically the only question that we had during the public hearing—it was properly noticed—no one came to pick up any documents or no other comments were made during that period."

Mrs. Conchita Taitano requested that the Board approve the recommendations in the final draft version. Director Roth questioned the prioritization of use of funds. Mrs. Taitano responded with, "No, it gives the Administrator the authority to prioritize. We have things listed there but that doesn't mean that that's the order that he or she may choose." Director Roth suggested changes to the wording because "when you say first priority it implies that that's the most important." Mrs. Sabrina Sablan clarified that "the reason why we list it as that is because that's what it says in the law—we are just copying the law—we are just repeating what the law says. Mrs. Taitano further clarified, "Chapter 51 Article 3—so when in Article 3—the law specifies there is a first, second and third priority and the third one says the administrator will decide what to prioritize and I'm sorry—I misunderstood your question—so that's right—so all they did was cite what was in the statute."

Director Roth asked, "does the law imply that the first priority is the most important and you must take care of all of this...before Funds are allocated?" Mrs. Taitano replied, "That's Correct. Yes that is, it is very specific—first priority is listed." Director Roth expressed concerns that funding for recycling may never be realized "until you get rid of all the junk vehicles, batteries, waste oil, white goods and appliances, cardboard." Mrs. Taitano stated, "If we are generating close to between 2.7 and 2.9 million annually (from the collection of fees which is part of the \$25 vehicle registration fee)...there is quite a bit that is not used in its entirety—which everyone has alluded to which everyone wants to raid."

Director Roth expressed her concerns about funding for the "third priority—recycling." Vice Chairman Brooks provided input stating, "if they do have the money they can use it; if they don't have the money, then they won't." Director Roth stated that "the Administrator has to focus on the first priority." Mrs. Taitano acknowledged "room for amendments" and her continuing discussions with Senator Perez's office, but strongly expressed the need to get the regulations in place.

Director Roth made a "move to approve the regulations." However, Chairman Perron wanted to discuss "the tires and the abandoned vehicles." He talked about a need for tire and vehicle identification of the owners because some tire shops say the Revolving Recycling Fund (RRF) "is supposed to take care of all the waste tires so we should be giving these to the government because the RRF is taking care of waste tires according to the law in the priority—but really it's only tires that are non-point specific that you don't know who owned that tire—it's in the jungle or it's not identifiable as to who's tire it is...if you know who's tire it is than they got to take care of it, not the RRF, at least that's the way I see it." Mrs. Taitano recommended that the issues with collection of disposal fees and the purpose of the RRF be addressed in the statute.

However, Attorney Finney said that "this is where you would pursue" any prohibitions—in Regulations. Mrs. Taitano agreed. The Administrator recommended that "if you guys want to add verbiage which would require us to amend some things—I would request that you guys have—I don't know how we could do this even if we have a special meeting between now and next month." Vice Chairman Brooks asked, "how about we could put this in

place now and then we could have another public hearing and let's get everything that needs to be amended put together?" Cyrus Luhr from Senator Perez's office confirmed that Senator Perez would be willing to hold a public hearing.

Chairman Perron said, "We need to be able to obligate these funds –if we know it's going to continue to be robbed by everybody as a need so I agree with Terry (the Vice Chairman). Attorney Finney provided comments to the draft final version, "it's specifically for these later sections starting with 24303.4 and then .5 and .7 and .9 haven't been incorporated into this draft yet –so I just wanted to say that and the other thing I guess I didn't realize you guys were going to be voting on these today because you don't have a complete record I mean like –I don't know if like when you guys provided your rules like in the past when you voted on –if you have everything like with the transcript..." Mrs. Sablan stated that if the Board decides to move forward and approves the final draft, "a whole complete record of everything the statute requires, everything from transcripts to electronic copies on a c.d. however many you want its available –its just up to you if you want to move forward with this now."

Director Roth asked, "What does 'reserve' mean? Under the zero waste and green waste?" Vice Chairman Brooks responded, "Its like a section that was there previously or they took it out –they are reserving it for future changes. Mrs. Sablan added, "It's a section that we still want to move forward with." Director Roth asked, "So you just want approval 'as is'?" Vice Chairman responded, "...we can't approve something that's not in front of us." Mrs. Taitano concluded with, "you know Ann, we've been working on this for over 2 years. We are trying to beat OPA from writing to us again and asking for the fourth time maybe."

Approval of the Rules and Regulations for the Recycling and Revolving Fund: Director Roth made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations for the Recycling and Revolving Fund, seconded by the Vice Chairman. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Director Roth: "I just want to discuss that she (Kristan Finney) said that she had some concerns on the RRF that she wants to have them incorporated and that she's met with *Conchita*." Attorney Finney responded, "well actually no, I've talked to *Sabrina*." Director Roth asked if Attorney Finney was "okay with her integrating them?" Mrs. Sabrina Sablan interjected, "well the AG is going to be able to have another opportunity because we are going to have to send this to them they will be able to provide their comments." Attorney Finney stated that her comments which was previously submitted to *Sabrina*, are "not incorporated" into the draft Regulations; and that "these sections are going to need to comply with your statutory authority –cause that's one of the things that the AG has to approve on is the statutory authority." Cyrus Luhr chimed in and stated, "If the concern is conflicts with current GCA statutes, we can essentially. Our aim is to change GCA statutes itself when we adopt the Rules & Regs." Attorney Finney responded, "Right, but that won't be, like it won't get to the legislature without, well from this step–the next step is the Governor's approval as to policy and the next step after that is AG approval. We thought about skipping Triple A. If that were the case, then all of this you don't need any approvals."

- *Guam Water Quality Standards Triennial Review – Update*

Margaret Aguilar: Mrs. Aguilar provided a brief update on the Water Quality Standards including the Triennial Review Process, which is mandated by the Clean Water Act; and the two items that are a priority for us. Number one (1): USEPA has recommended a certain criteria that Guam EPA adopt in its water quality standards; and "if they aren't any, than we are not going to adopt we have to provide rational for doing that". Mrs. Aguilar stated that the Agency is adopting the criteria that they are recommending with the exception of maybe three (3) items – three (3) criteria which is: nickel; copper; and maybe aluminum. Because in the previous process for mixing zone, there was Guam's specific criteria would develop with a scientific report by the Navy and GWA. So we are going to submit those to USEPA to so take a look at it– whether or not that will meet the criteria for us not going with their recommended requirements. We are pretty close to identifying all those criteria and communicating that to USEPA and the 2nd set of revisions is our revisions that we want to make locally for the benefit of Guam.

Mrs. Aguilar further stated that some of the criteria for our water requires public involvement, so we held a meeting in January (2019) with seven (7) individuals participants (two of which were from the Agency), including representatives from the Navy, GWA, and senatorial staffers. Mrs. Aguilar re-stated that "we're pretty close to finishing our Triennial Review putting our list together of provisions that we want to focus on as far as a change in our Water Quality Standards so we'll turn in that report to USEPA as far as our Triennial Review and then in the Summer hopefully...we'll finish our draft of the proposed standards and then we'll public notice that and get

public comment again and then we'll have to come back to the Board and show our work for the presentation for approval." *Jesse Cruz* added, "Then, it goes through the whole Triple A process like *Kristan* was saying, it has to be adopted by the Guam Legislature. We are collaborating very closely with USEPA because otherwise working separately there might be a misunderstanding of what we're doing. It's best just to make sure that we understand the language that we are incorporating of course we are working very closely with *Kristan* on this also."

Prior to the Vice Chairman leaving the meeting, the Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the "re-appointment" of Walter S. Leon Guerrero as GEPA Administrator, and "asked" that "his pay be increased from \$70,873.00 to \$82,240.00", seconded by Director Sanchez. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Additionally, the Vice Chairman made a motion to approve to "continue" the "Air Force Stipulated Request for Continuance", seconded by Director Sanchez. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. New Business:

- *CH2M/Jacobs Re PIEC* –

Mrs. Conchita Taitano stated that "For the Jacobs contract we are just focusing on the PIEC because there is a lot of moving parts a lot of projects going on –PIEC 23rd which is on a Sunday –23rd through 28th –ok so let's take a look at the schedule –this is our 30th Pacific Islands Environmental Conference (PIEC). The theme is "*Greening Growth in the Pacific*." Please make sure you register. There is supposed to be 300 slots...we are below 200 right now slots left, so it's filling up and we haven't even launched the advertisements" (*Mrs. Taitano* begins a website presentation of the 30th PIEC)

"So Saturday we put in there because we will start registration that evening –why –because on Sunday we have pre-conference workshops. We have the three (3) Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) certification workshops: one would be on composting; the other one is on Zero Waste; and the third one is on Integrated Solid Waste Management. These are three (3) day courses, so its not like when you –there is a fee and when you register –you'll register on this –there is a SWANA link and the fee will be there –we really got it at a reduced rate –what was it was it \$500? and Bob (the Chairman) you've attended many of those certification trainings and that normally with the ticket...We've started loading up Speakers –you'll know all about Risa Weinberger, P.E. Risa Weinberger & Assoc., Inc."

"Let's go back to Monday because you'll see the same courses –one thing that is included is a couple of things besides the SWANA certification classes. You'll see a Radon Measurement Courses Certification that's going to be conducted by Roland Gutierrez –Jesse (Cruz) has a by invitation only meeting for the Regional Environmental Laboratory Managers and Connie (Aflleje) asked for an Environmental Grant Officers meeting so that again is by invitation only...so Coral Reef Symposium Workshop kicks off on a Tuesday the day before the official opening of the Conference and we really have some fabulous speakers...we also have environmental education –some of you folks remember Froilan Grate, Executive Director, GIAA Asia Pacific, for the Zero Waste Conference –so he's coming back and he'll be doing training on environmental education for teachers. We have a letter out to Jon Fernandez, Superintendent, GDOE letting him know that this is available that's number one; number two, we are also asking them if they could send students to attend if they would consider that as service learning hours...so I have that draft letter ready to go."

Mrs. Taitano and her team secured the attendance of *Mr. Ved Chirayath*, Director, Lab for Advanced Sensing, NASA. In addition to the Governor speaking on Wednesday, Mrs. Taitano listed a number of notable attendees, including the Honorable *John W. Henderson*, Assistant Secretary, Air Force for the Installations, Environment and Energy. She added, "By the way, when you register it will tell you to download Whoova which is an App into your phone and you'll get real time changes so if we have to change rooms it'll get right on to your phone and notify you."

Mrs. Taitano continued, "So, Thursday it will be the same except for the Coral Reef Symposium –Coral Reef is Tuesday and Wednesday thru Thursday. We'll be back to the 3 tracks –which is your Zero Waste Track just as it applies everything dealing with Recycling Waste conversion –you have the Green Infrastructure that's really everything dealing with Water; and then there is Innovation and Collaboration that's all on Partnerships."

Friday events will be half-day and filled with field trips, including but not limited to, the following: Food Waste Assessment field trip at the Hyatt Hotel; Mural Art Project (Artists from Hawaii), which we will partner with Bureau of Statistics & Planning office (BSP); and limited reserve slots to visit the Cocos Island Water System. The Administrator and *Conchita* said to anticipate some changes to the itinerary. Mrs. Taitano continued with the details of activities to include a closing dinner at the museum with a movie screening –it’s a food waste film that was done by the late *Anthony Bordain*. Mrs. Taitano stated that the administrator has expressed an interest in having an awards ceremony as part of the welcoming event of up to 500 persons, but only allocated up to 300 persons. Guam EPA personnel encourage to participate.

Mrs. Taitano continued, “we do have merchandise, so that’s another thing and I think this is going to work out great –we are doing some fund raising through the SWANA Pacific Basin Chapter. Our Chairman has been the lead for that with *Margaret* (Aguilar). *Margaret* has been helping out and I think we’re funding for those items that cannot be paid by federal or local funds...” For example, the shirts and the welcome dinner event are prohibited expenses from the Federal funds or local funds. “This is what our fundraising is for” and the Chairman reported “over \$50,000 so far in sponsorship” with a final fundraising goal of \$80K to \$100K.

The Administrator asked details of the following: award ceremony; outreach mechanisms in Elementary, Middle School & High school on Anti-Litter and some of the monies raised by donation; and SWANA Chapter prizes for winners. The Administrator requested any “ideas” to incorporate with the festivities. (i.e. song, slogan or saying of Anti-Litter, etc.)

Mrs. Taitano continued, “you’ll start seeing the advertisements roll out before the end of this month and I’ve met with our contractor and I know we’re going to start seeing stuff on that media vision –you know that rolling marque.” Focus will include speaker’s interviews, advertisements, etc. Mrs. Taitano said, “we could talk later about some of the other projects that Jacobs is working...from Greening Roadways...Food Waste Assessment guidance document and...Bio-Solids...Waste Characterization study in conjunction with a partnership with BSP...I know they are also on task to help you with the bottle bill and taking a look at the plastic bag ban rule...Thank you very much!”

- *Walter S. Leon Guerrero - Appointment as Administrator, Guam EPA –*

Approval of the Appointment of Walter S. Leon Guerrero as Administrator: The Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the “re-appointment” of Walter S. Leon Guerrero as GEPA Administrator, and “asked” that “his pay be increased from \$70,873.00 to \$82,240.00”, seconded by Director Sanchez. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

- *Air Force Re Stipulated Request for Continuance–NOV #2019-001 –*

Approval of the Andersen Air Force Base Stipulated Request for Continuance: The Vice Chairman made a motion to approve “to continue” the Air Force Stipulated Request for Continuance, seconded by Director Sanchez. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VII. Miscellaneous:

Chairman Perron: “Before we go into the Administrator’s Report, I’d like to introduce *Mr. Larry Gast*. He is the new General Manager of GSWA and so like welcome to the island.”

Mr. Gast: “I’m delighted to be here on Guam. I’ll give you a bit of history about myself: I started out in solid waste in Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral...I was hired originally as the entomologist for the Space Center and pesticides were one of the first things that they went into to make certifications; then, they went to solid waste;...asbestos abatement;...storm water; and I even got the licenses to paint the anti-tiling paint on the bottoms of the solid rocket booster recovery ships...so, that’s what got me into the environmental field. I ended up retiring from the Space Center as the environmental manager. Then, I went to work at Orange County Florida for a landfill that was doing about Two Million tons a year. It was the largest municipally owned solid waste facility in the Southeastern United States. After that, I left and went to Putnam County and that’s where I left from and came here. So I’ve been fifteen (15) years in the local government section and twenty (20) years in the federal government section.”

Director Roth inquired about the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mayors and the use of Recycling Funds for cleaning efforts. The Administrator addressed the status of the “rollover” money and the pending paperwork and process. The Administrator clarified, “so we got most of the paperwork done. BBMR needed to approve of it; so, DOA can set up the account and once they set up the account then the Mayors office can start tapping into it. It’s pretty much out of our hands at this point...BBMR give the thumbs up...it’s a matter of DOA just sitting in the account (referring to the rollover money).”

Director Roth further inquired about the Public Notice on Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), which the Administrator confirmed it was completed. Attorney Finney provided details on what was coming up next month and explained that “the compiler of laws sent a letter this week to the Administrator regarding the UST rules and regulations and outlining why they still have to go through the process. It didn’t make it all the way through the Triple A process. So there are some things that have to be corrected...” The Administrator stated that the “statutes are still valid, the law is still there, and so it is still a requirement.” Some of the specifics and some of the upgraded regulations must complete the Triple A process.

Director Hollister asked Mr. Gast if Orange County, Florida residents “have a choice of whether or not the city collected their garbage?” Mr. Gast responded, “We had licensed zones that commercial entities did the collection but it was all a non-ad valorem assessment against the property owners and that was collected straight out of their taxes and everybody was mandatory garbage collection.” Mr. Gast continued, “that gets rid of illegal dumping; that gets rid of litter; that gets rid of everything and we had a requirement for commercial entities to either have a commercial contract or an account at the landfill so that they had something that they could get rid of if they did not have a commercial account and we notice that they weren’t using the landfill...In Orange County, we had seven (7) compliance officers, which were codes enforcement trained individuals that could write citations... they’d basically went out– commercial was picking up in neighborhoods too early in the morning and waking people up banging trash cans– they were written a citation. If people were mixing the wrong materials in the garbage, they got a citation and it was an easy thing cause it was in-house doing that but in Putnam County we didn’t do that...everything went in codes and enforcement and of course with codes enforcement – its not a high priority on their list.”

Mr. Glenn San Nicolas stated that, “with GSWA, they provide a 95 Gallon trash bin for trash and a 95 Gallon for Recyclables. If that is implemented...illegal dumping should go down dramatically and then the increase recycling measurement data should increase dramatically at the same time reducing a lot of that required enforcement for illegal dumping...three (3) to five (5) years ago, it was construction demolition debris –so we implement disposal plan on occupancy inspections that require them to submit disposal receipts that –so that went down but at the same time household waste –illegal dumping just went up dramatically.”

The Administrator provided information on illegal dumping by KUAM’s *Nestor Licanto*, which should air within days.

(A copy of reports that were issued is available with the Board Secretary upon appointment).

VIII. Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The Chairman stated that the next regular board meeting date and time will be on Thursday, the 18th of April, 2019 at 4:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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